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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 9683/77
Serial No. 09/830,750	Filing Date April 30, 2001	Examiner To Be Assigned	Group Art Unit 2681
Inventor(s) Hiroji Saito et al.			
Title of Invention Apparatus for Transmitting Program Information, Communicating System, Method of Transmitting Program Information, Method of Instructing Program Recording Operation, and Method of Instructing Program Purchasing Operation.			

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Transmitted herewith is Transmittal Letter (in duplicate), Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate), Form PTO-1449, Six (6) cited references (A1-A6), Five (5) English Translations (A1-A5), Copy of International Search Report, and Return Postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents A1-A6 listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of

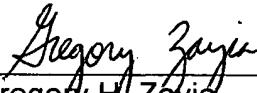
record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. A copy of the International Search Report is also enclosed.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to this material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct the fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

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